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Unscheduled power interruption in parts of South Cotabato Province

The National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP) restored power transmission services in parts of Cotabato Province on August 22 after corrective measures were completed on a line that experienced a sustained fault at around 7:15 AM to 12:13PM.

NGCP transmission line crew found that an aluminum conductor of NGCP's decommissioned transmission line sagged and came in contact with the Tacurong–Koronadal-Surallah 69-kV sub-transmission line owned by SOCOTECO I at Barangay Kalandagan, Tacurong City.

One side of the aluminum conductor of the said decommissioned transmission line was anchored to the ground, in preparation for its replacement as part of the Tacurong-General Santos 138-kV transmission line upgrade project. Initial investigation, however, showed that it was intentionally cut by an unidentified person, which caused its midspan to sag and cause the outage.

Among the areas affected by the power interruption were parts of Koronadal City, Banga, Surallah, T'boli, Lake Sebu, Tampakan, Tantangan, Norala and Santo Niño -- all municipalities of South Cotabato. ###

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